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June 1954 #1892

FREQUENCY MODULATION

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-1-66

Call letters WKAI-FM

Station location MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Along US #67, 1.95 mi. N. of Macomb, Ill., (PH 9-15-65)

Zip-61455

Main studio location 119 W. Carroll St., Macomb, Ill., (PH 9-15-65)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4695 HAAT: 190'	9-15-65	100.1mcs Ch.#261	ERP: 3kw TPO: 820w	Unl.	11-15-65 5-15-66
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station, with RC oper. of trans. from studio loc. (Cond'1)					
BPH-4695 (1)	10-22-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4695) to assign call letters W K A I-FM.			
BMPH-8846 (2)	5-31-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4695) to change type trans(Collins 830D-1A); change type antenna(Collins 37M-4, 4 sections); and increase TPO to 930 watts.			
BLH-3302 HAAT: 190'	9-1-66	100.1mcs CH.#261	ERP: 3kw TPO: 930w	U	9-1 12-1-67
Lic to cover CP(BPH-4695 as mod)which auth a new FM b/c station.					
BRH-1892	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BRH-1892(S)	11-25-70	Renewal			12-1-73
EBSA-	5-22-72				
BRH-1892(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRH-1892(S)	11-30-76	Renewal of license			12-1-79
BPH790424AH HAAT: 195' (L)	6/25/79 (H&V)	100.1mhz	ERP: 3kw (H&V)	RC	6/25/80
CP to mke chgs in ant. sys., type trans., type ant., TPO. Incre HAAT.					
BRH- 790730LL	11-30-79	RENEWAL vF LICENSE			12-1-82
<del>BRH-790730LL(S) 11-30-79 RENEWAL 12-1-82</del>					
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<del>BRH-790730LL(S) 11-30-79 RENEWAL 12-1-82</del>					
BPH800715AD HAAT: 195' (L)	8-26-80 (h&v)	100.1mhz.	ERP: 3kw,		2-22-81
CP to replace expired Permit					
BLH800721AK HAAT;195' (L)	11-18-80	100.1mhz	ERP: 3kW(H&V)		12-1-82
License to cover (BPH-790424AH) for changes.					



Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WKA I-FM**  
Letters **NEW-FM**Name **WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**Macomb, Illinois (P.O. c/o William H. Rudolph, 119 W. Carroll St., Macomb, Illinois)**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4695 Rec'd Filed	11-2-64	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 100.1mc CH 261 ERP: 3kw Type transmitter: Gates FM-1C TPO: .779kw Type antenna: Gates FMA-4A (4 sections) HAAT: 188 ft. Transmitter Loc.: Along U.S. 67, 1.95 mi. N. of city limits of Macomb, Ill. (SAME AS AM) Studio Loc.: 119 West Carroll, Macomb, Illinois (SAME AS AM) Remote Control Point: Same as studio  Aloysius B. McCabe, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-65
	11-9-64		Cond'l WKAI(AM)	
	11-9-64		submit 302s	



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters WKAJ-FMName WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY  
NACOMB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8846 R & F	5-18-66 5-20-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4695 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change type trans. (Collins 830D-1A); change type ant. (Collins 37M-4, 4 sections); and increase TPO to 0.927kw.	GRANTED	5-31-66
BLH-3302 Rec'd Filed	5/5/66 5/9/66 5/19/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4695 as mod.) which auth. a new FM b/c Station.  Atty: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	9-1-66
BRH-1892 R & F SEP 14 1967	8-15-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license Atty. Erwin G. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis, etc.)	GRANTED	11-24-67
BRH-1892 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 1 1970	8-15-70 9-2-70 " Annual	RENEWAL OF LICENSE E.G. Krasnow, Atty. (Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson)  filing fee \$44.80 paid 11-16-70 #644065. P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED	11-25-70



#3 12-66

100.1 mcs

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September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WKAI-FMName WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1892 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-23-73 8-29-73 3 "OCT 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-28-73
BRH-1892 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-20-76 7-26-76 " OCT 6 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 10-28-76 re: engineering AMENDED 11-5-76 re: programming	GRANTED	11-30-76
BPH790424AH PRESS (O)	MAY 17 1979	CP to make changes in Antenna System; chg. type Trans. (HARRIS FM2.5K); chg. type Ant. (HARRIS FML-3E, 3 sects. H&V); incre. HAAT: 195' (H&V) & chg. TPO.  Atty. Aloysius B. McCabe (Kirkland & Ellis)	GRANTED	6/25/79



# APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

100.1 MHz

Call Letters: WKAI-FM

Name: WKAI BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Macomb, IL

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH790730UJ PRESS SEP 18 1979		Renewal of License Atty.: James R. Bayes	GRANTED 11-30-79
BPH800715AG PRESS (O) SEP 2 1980		Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPH-790424AH).  Atty. James P. Riley (Kirkland & Ellis)	GRANTED 8-26-80 COND'L
BLH-800721AK PTA PRESS OCT 14 1980		License to cover (BPH-790424AH) for changes. Atty: James R. Bayes	GRANTED 11-18-80



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

